

Name: reassumption of a previous name after dissolution of marriage

I would like to take my birth name again.

Competent Department

- [Standesamt Bremen-Mitte](#)
- [Standesamt Bremen-Nord](#)

Basic information

A spouse who has a married name may, after the dissolution of the marriage (divorce or death of the other spouse), resume his or her maiden name or the surname used until the determination of the married name. Children from this marriage who have the married name as their birth name cannot join the name change.

What documents do I need?

- Current certified copy of the marriage register, if the register is not kept at the registry office where the declaration is made
- Final divorce decree or death certificate
- Valid identity card or passport

Procedure

The relevant declarations must be made in person at the registry office.

Legal bases

- [§ 41 Personenstandsgesetz \(PStG\)](#)

More information

The declaration can be made either at the registry office of the place of residence or at the registry office where the marriage took place.

In case of declaration at the registry office of residence, the latter forwards a certified copy of the declaration to the marriage registry office.

The declaration of re-acceptance is processed at the registry office where the marriage took place.

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

40,00 EUR Notarisation for the use of the name

Certificate of registration of the name, if this is first issued at or after the notarisation - free of charge

13,00 EUR Agreement on the change of name in case of a later exhibition

7,00 EUR other certificates, if they are applied for and issued at the same time